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AFTER THREE SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE WEEKEND OF MARCH
25-27, THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS ABANDONED ITS EFFORT TO
REACH AN AGREEMENT ON AN INTERIM INTERNAL REGIME FOR FISH.COMMISSON
PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM INTERNAL REGIME FOR
FISH
WERE AIMED PRIMARILY AT STAVING OFF THE POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL
IRISH CONSERVATION MEASURES (REFTEL). THE MINISTERS ACHIEVED A LARGE
MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNAL REGIME WHICH WOULD HAVE FIXED
QUOTAS FOR THE FISHING AREAS SURROUNDING IRELAND.
THE QUOTAS WOULD HAVE PROVIDED FOR AN INCREASE OF SOME 30 PERCENT
IN THE IRISH FISH CATCH IN THESE AREAS
AND A REDUCTION IN THE CATCHES OF OTHER MEMBER STATES.THE INTERIM
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REGIME WOULD HAVE LASTED ONLY UNTIL JUNE 30, 1977.THE UK,HOWEVER,
REFUSED TO PERMIT THE INCLUSION OF CATCHES WITHIN THEIR
COASTAL " RESERVED ZONE" OF 6 TO 12 MILES IN THE
CALCULATION OF THE QUOTAS.THE OTHER MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION
COULD NOT ACCEPT EXCLUSION OF THIS ZONE.IT IS NOW EXPECTED THAT THE
IRISH WILL ADOPT UNILATERAL CONSERVATION MEASURES LATER THIS WEEK.
RATHER THAN THE MEASURES LIMITING BOAT SIZES PREVIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED,

THE IRISH SAY THEY ARE CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVE OF SETTING QUOTAS
FOR IRISH WATER IN LINE WITH THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS.
THE COMMISSION IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE TRYING TO FORMULATE A SOLUTION
WHICH WOULD PUT AN EC COVER ON THESE IRISH MEASURES.
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